of agreed minutes between the two aides and the Trade Protocol covering the period 20th September, 1989 to 19th September, 1990, was also signed.

1182. Withdrawn.

Proposal from all India Scheduled Castes Cooperative Society for Borrowing Funds from abroad

1183. SHRI H. HANUMANTHAP PA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state;

(a) whether any proposal from All India Scheduled Castes Cooperative Society for borrowing funds from abroad for its 100 per cent expovt-oriented Flower Unit have been considered by the Ministry; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE FINANCE MINISTER (PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(h) The Society has not yet furnished additional data required for completing the loan formalities.

Irrigation projects awaiting central clearance

1184. SHRI H. HANUMANTHAP PA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state the names of the irrigation projects aw aiting clearance from the Central Government alongwith the dates on which each was submitted and the resultant escalation cost due to delay in each case

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WATER, RESOURCES (SHRI MANUBHAI KO-TADIA): Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Setting up of export processing zone in Karnataka

1185. SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the norms followed for the setting up of Export Processing Zones in the country;

(b) whether Government propose to set up one such unit in Karnataka; and

(c) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND TOURISM (SHRI ARUN KUMAR NEHRU): (a) No specific norms have been evolved for the setting up of Export Processing Zone in th$_e$ country. However, while approving the setting up of the new Zones at Madras. Cochin, Noida, Falta and Visakhapatnam the following criteria recommended by the Tandon Committee were kept in view.

1. Proximity to an international -sea port or airport;

2. Industrial infrastructure such as ancillary industries for material and components supplies, repairs and service facilities etc.

3. Commercial infrastructure such as financial-cum-business services like banking, insurance, warehousing;

4. Linkage with a good hinterland for supply of domestic inputs and services;

5. Availability of good communication facilities including rail road and or air and tele-communication;

6. Community infrastructure such as housing, health facilities and municipal services; and

7. involvement of State Govern ment, particularly for provision of infrastructural facilities.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Production and demand of Raw Silk

1186. SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of production and demand of raw silk during the last three years;

(b) what steps are being taken to increase the production of raw silk; and

(c) what are the details of import of raw silk during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) The following table shows the details of production and demand for silk during the last three years;

Years	Production of raw silk (in tonnes)	Demand of raw silk (in tonnes)
1986-87	8,900	11,930
1987-88	9,498	12,600
1988-89	10,653	13,260

(b) To increase the production of raw silk in the country, the Central Silk Board in collaboration with 5 traditional silk producing states of Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Tamilnadu, West Bengal and Jammu and Kashmir and 12 non-traditional states is implementing a National Sericulture Project with World Bank/Swiss assistance at a cost of Rs. 555.30 crores. The project envisages an increase in production by 6,000 tonnes over the next five years. Thank to the schemes under NSP and other ongoing schemes of the State and the CSB, the production of raw silk is expected to reach 21,400 tonnes by the end of 1994-95.

(c) The following table shows the imports of raw silk made during the last three years:

Years	Import of silk (in tontones) by exporters under export assistance scheme (estimated)
1986-87	1,800
1987-88	2,000
1988-89	1,500

Inter Departmental Committee for Press Workers

1187. SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government had set up an Inter-Departmental Committee for press workers for implementing recommendations of IVth Pay Commission regarding printing staff;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether the Committee had submitted its report; if so, what are the details of the recommendations made by the Committee in this regard;

(d) whether Government have accepted the report; and

(e) if the answer to part (c) above be in the negative, what are the reasons and by when it is likely to submit its report?

THE FINANCE MINISTER (PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE): (a) and (b) In pursuance of recommendations of Fourth Central Pay Commission, an